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For: METHOD FOR MONITORING OPERATION OF THERMAL DEVICE
AND APPARATUS THEREFOR

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 19, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated November 19, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend claims 4 and 6 as follows:

4. (Amended) A method of monitoring an operation of a thermal device,
comprising:
detecting data on operating states of said thermal device;

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